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SUBJECT: EC TARIFF RECLASSIFICATION: SEMI-CONDUCTORS

REF: A. ROME 0073; B. EC BRUSSELS 0047

1. OUR TECHNICAL LEVEL CONTACTS IN THE FRG ECONOMICS
MINISTRY REPORT THAT THE COMMITTEE OF CUSTOMS EXPERTS
IS WORKING ON A DEFINITION FOR THE NEW SUBHEADINGS
PROPOSED BY THE 113 COMMITTEE, AS REPORTED BY REFTELS
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A AND B. THE WORDING ADOPTED BY THE 113 COMMITTEE IS
AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE 85-21D-DIODES, TRANSISTORS AND SIMILAR

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SEMI-CONDUCTOR DEVICES, ELECTRONIC MICROCIRCUITS.
I ELEMENTS AND UNDICED DISCS (WAFERS) FOR DIODES, TRANSISTORS AND SIMILAR SEMI-CONDUCTOR DEVICES AND CHIPS AND UNDICED WAFERS FOR MONOLITHIC INTEGRATED CIRCUITS. TARIFF RATE 9 PER CENT
II OTHERS - TARIFF RATE 17 PER CENT. UNQUOTE

2. OUR CONTACT THOUGHT THAT GROUPING THE SEMI-CONDUCTORS IN THIS WAY WOULD MEAN APPROXIMATELY 90 PER CENT OF US EXPORTS WOULD COME INTO THE EC AT THE 9 PER CENT RATE. HE WARNED, HOWEVER, THAT REACHING AGREEM ENT ON AN EXACT DEFINITION MAY PROVE TO BE DIFFICULT PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF BELGIUM LACK OF ENTHUSIASM FOR ALLOWING PRODUCTSTO
BE IMPORTED AT 9 PER CENT. HE SAID THE BELGIANS HAD QUOTE RESERVED THEIR POSITION UNQUOTE ON THE DECISION OF THE 113 COMMITTEE.
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